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Dear Examiner Gonzalez:

Per yesterdays discussion I have attached a copy of the RCE filed September 29, 2003 and accompanying Preliminary Amendment.

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Examiner: Gonzalez, J.

Filed: June 5, 2001

Date: September 29, 2003

Title: PLANE COMMUTATOR OF MOTOR AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please enter the following amendments. A Request for Continued Examination  
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